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DAD BEATS TOT, GETS JAIL TERM

Nab Another For Beating

A 22-year-old father who was charged with beating his three-week-old daughter because her crying interfered with his television viewing was sentenced to six months in County Jail this week by Judge Otto B. Willett.

Robert B. Dare, of 1912½ Gramercy Ave., an El Camino College maintenance employe, pleaded guilty to the charge and heard Judge Willett say he wished he could "give you more time for this offense."

Dare was arrested by Torrance police late Saturday after the infant's grandparents filed a complaint on the matter. Police who saw the child said the little girl's face and body was bruised severely.

DALE TOLD police he struck the infant with a comb in an effort to quiet her but said he could not remember if he slapped or choked the child.

Dare was convicted of a similar charge on another child in Kentucky last year, police reported. The child was put under a doctor's care.

In a similar incident Tuesday, a 20-month-old boy was reportedly beaten viciously by his soldier-father in their Harbor City home. The soldier was released by San Pedro police, however, when the mother refused to sign a complaint in the matter yesterday.

Land Too Valuable For Cars

Declaring that El Camino College was about to kill some of the city's most valuable commercial land by acquiring the property for a parking lot, the city council voted Tuesday to oppose "by all means" the announced intention of the college board of trustees to condemn a 14-acre parcel at Redondo Beach Blvd. and Crenshaw.

Acting on the recommendation of City Manager George Stevens, who said the acquisition of the property by the college would be a liability, not an asset, to the city, the council authorized official city opposition to the move.

THE TRUSTEES announced last week that they had asked the county counsel to begin straightening out the tangled web of ownership on the 14 acres located west of Crenshaw and south of Redondo Beach Blvd. The college planned to expand into the city of Torrance with the 14-acre site which is just across the street from their 90-acre campus.

The land in question is clouded with liens and judgments against Tony Paravano, builder of many homes in the area, who was last reported in Mexico. The federal government has tax liens and a former partner has a judgment against the property for more than \$350,000.

Phone Firm, Union Reach Wage Accord

Pacific Telephone and the Communications Workers of America signed a new 15-month plant department contract late Sunday, it was announced by the company this week.

The agreement increases the weekly wage of 11,500 telephone employes in Southern California from \$1.50 to \$3 a week, depending on title, location, and position on the wage schedule.

Under the agreement the new top rates for cable splicer, PBX installers, and central office men is increased from \$116 to \$121 in Los Angeles.

A second 15-month contract—this one between Pacific Telephone and the Communications Workers of America representing about 1870 employes in Southern California—was signed by the company and the union Monday afternoon.

The new accounting agreement gives clerks in Los Angeles wage increases ranging from \$1.50 to \$4 a week. New top rates range from \$73 to \$87 a week.

Two Killed In Accident

Two persons were killed and three others injured — two critically — late Tuesday in a head-on crash on Figueroa St. north of 20th.

The dead were identified as Marvin Russell Malone, 22, of Long Beach, one of the drivers, and Jessie Thomas, 18, of Harbor City, his passenger.

Thug Drops Tools

Cafe Owner Chases Looter, Loses Him

An unidentified youth, who covered his hands with socks, held up a Harbor City restaurant early yesterday morning and jumped two-six foot fences in a chase that was over before the police arrived. Dropping his heavy burglary tools as he dashed through back yards with the money bag of coins clutched in his hands, the young burglar managed to shake off his pursuers.

The burglary of "The Kitchen," a restaurant located at 25341 Belford, owned by Roy and Laverne Foster, took place at 2:30 a.m. yesterday.

BARKING OF a dog awoke Henry C. Foster, father of the owner, who lives on the rear of the restaurant property at 1409 W. 254th St. In the dim glow of the restaurant night-light Foster saw the outline of the youth as he jimmied open the juke box and cigarette-vending machine. Scooping the silver coins into his bag as he pushed aside the heavier copper pennies, the youth pried open the cash drawer before making his getaway.

Upon spotting the young burglar at work, Foster phoned police and his son in his darkened room in order to avoid attracting attention of the thug with lights. Young Foster arrived on the scene just as the bandit was about to depart.



JOINS CITY... Wade Peebles, who comes from a similar position with the city of Inglewood, assumed duties here yesterday as director of public works to succeed John Russel, who is retiring.



MOUNTAINS OF MAIL... Surveying the stacks of mail that have piled into the Flewelling household at 1314 Elm Ave. during the past three months are Mrs. Stella Flewelling and Mailman Hector Frazer, who is pictured handling one day's deliveries to Mrs. Flewelling. Things will get back to normal today, however. Reason? Mrs. Flewelling has been state chairman of a poetry contest—sponsored by the Chaparral Poets—which ended at midnight. (Herald photo)

Lady With Poetic Flair Buried in Rhyming Mail

By RONNIE SAUNDERS
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What happens when a Torrance housewife with a flair for poetry accepts the chairmanship of a statewide contest?

According to Mrs. Stella Flewelling of 1314 Elm Ave., chairman of the 20th annual poetry contest conducted by the Chaparral Poets of California, events begin to snowball.

Mrs. Flewelling's responsibilities began last January, when she had to notify every writers' club, college, newspaper, library, and woman's club, that the contest was under way and that would-be entrants were to contact her Torrance home for entry forms. After she'd sent out 5,000 forms, the poems began

to trickle in.

WITHIN days, the mail began arriving by truckloads. Some days the Elm Ave. mailman's bag was filled only with Chaparral poetry contest mail. One bedroom became the temporary storehouse of poetic jottings—in triplicate.

In January it was a full-time day and night job. The last two months have involved a minimum of two hours a day devoted to reading poems, filing them, and corresponding with would-be poets.

With midnight April 1 as official contest deadline, the past week has again become a day-and-night labor of love for contest chairman Mrs. Flewelling, who must now select the nine judges who will select 27 winning entries and 14 runners-up to be awarded prizes at the annual convention to be held at the Alexandria Hotel in Los Angeles on May 9.

A ONE-TIME English teacher, Mrs. Flewelling is authoress of the poetry book "Listen! I Dream," which will be read on the radio program "Poetry Browers" over Station KTYM, Inglewood at 10:15 a.m. Saturday.

Last year Mrs. Flewelling and her son, Willis Jr., a professional organist, collaborated on original music for the Chaparral Poet's convention.

IN ADDITION to writing poetry and music, Mrs. Flewelling also paints, and taught oil painting for 12½ years. In recent years she has been a saleslady of ladies and children's apparel at a Hollywood Riviera shop. She won awards at the last two annual Chaparral Poet's contests.

3-CAR COLLISION

Crash Fatal To Small Tot

A five-month-old infant died here Monday following a traffic collision at Crenshaw and Redondo Beach Blvds. Martha Jane Ruffner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Ruffner, of 3206 W. 179th St., died at a Gardena hospital from injuries she suffered in a three-car crash at the intersection, according to California Highway Patrol officers.

CENSUS STARTS TODAY

Canvassing for the city's 1959 special census will begin today, it was announced here yesterday by Vernon L. Miller, special census supervisor.

The census office will be located in the old city hall building at 1511 Cravens Ave., and enumerators have been assigned to the areas of the city to be covered by the special count, Miller said.

ABOUT 100 enumerators will be employed in the house-to-house tally of Torrance residents, the supervisor said. Each will wear a red, white, and blue identification card, and will collect only a limited amount of information.

Householders will be asked to name all persons residing in the dwelling, relationship of each to head of household, sex, race, and age at last birthday. All information gathered is confidential and statistics about individuals are never released, he said.

SOME evening calls may be necessary to assure that everyone is contacted, he said.

City Manager George Stevens, who recommended the special count to the council, has said the city population will probably reach the magic 100,000 mark in this tally. The last census made in November, 1957, showed a population of 93,372.

State gasoline tax and other in lieu taxes are paid on a population basis, thus making the special census a worthwhile project for the city, Stevens pointed out.



MAGNAVOX WELCOMED... Chamber and Magnavox officials chat after a breakfast here Tuesday welcoming the firm's electronics facility to the city. From the left are Robert Morris, chairman of the event; J. J. Slatery, West Coast general manager for Magnavox; J. H. Paget, vice president of the Chamber of Commerce; and Dr. Ragnar Thorenson, director of research for the firm. The company will build a large facility north of Maricopa and west of Crenshaw. (Herald photo)

A Penny for your Thoughts

"Do you think censorship boards should exercise strict control over the decency of books, movies, and TV, or should the public be permitted to judge for itself?"

That was the question the HERALD's inquiring photographer asked several persons in Torrance this week. Their answers and pictures appear below:

Lyle Freckleton, 1630 Greenwood St., supervisor, National Supply: "Yes, I definitely feel that censorship has its place—especially in the case of young people who do not have the ability to judge for themselves. Certain things should be marked 'adults only.' I was sorry to see the Hayes office lose the authority they formerly exercised."

Harold Briggs, 25201 Narbonne, Lomita National Supply supervisor: "I approve of censorship. It's not good for the public to see all the garbage that's printed and photographed. Trash should be banned."

George Mikel, 1529 Cravens Ave., service station operator: "Definitely. Too much junk has been through in movies and magazine racks in recent years. Years ago they didn't let all that stuff get through. I feel they should clamp down."

D. E. Stoner, Los Angeles salesman: "I approve of the censorship boards within limits; but I believe the public should have representation on the boards and have a chance to censor the censors."

Mrs. Anna Ogram St. Fritter, 16635 secretary: "I feel that the public needs censorship to protect the younger generation from material that would have an immoral effect on them."

Mrs. Truman Johnson, 1052 Greenhedge St., housewife: "Adults should be allowed to choose that type of material for themselves. Censorship boards cannot effectively enforce morals when they are lacking in the individual."